Profit of MTNL

1727. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that profits of MTNL services in Delhi and Mumbai have dipped by 33 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to control the loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The above dip is mainly on account of downward revision of National Long distance (NLD) and International Long Distance (ILD) tariffs during the year.

(c) There are no losses. The decrease in tariff is bringing increased volume of traffic. Further, MTNL has taken steps by way of marketing, customer care, providing most competitive and affordable tariff as well as improved quality of services for retaining and expanding the customers base.

New I.T. Scheme

1728. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a new I.T. Scheme to provide jobs to at least 3.5 crore persons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.